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“Not everything that is faced
can be changed, but nothing
can be changed until it is
faced”

-James Baldwin

Partnerships of COAP

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Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

WHAT is Comprehensive Opioid Abuse

Program? The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) is a 36 month BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) grant with strategic focus to combat the opioid epidemic to reduce fatal overdoses and protect American people. COAP encourages and supports cross-system planning and collaboration among the criminal justice system and behavioral health.



HOW will planning and collabora-

tion work? An Opioid Fatality Review (OFR) team of stakeholders will review fatal deaths in Cobb County, identifying missed opportunities for prevention and gaps in the system. This will strengthen working relationships between local stakeholders on overdose prevention. The collaboration of an OFR can bring recommended policies, laws, programs or changes on a county or state level to prevent overdose deaths and better serve people who are at risk of overdose.

WHY is COAP needed? Cobb County is one of the largest diverse Counties in Georgia and home to over 750,000 residents among 7 municipalities. Sadly, in 2017 Cobb County, led the state with having the highest number of reported overdosed deaths. Based on Cobb County Medical Examiner's 2018 annual report (published June 21, 2019), in 2018 there were 112 drug deaths and 82 (73%) were opioid related.

WHO are the coordinators of COAP?

Case Manager: Provides increased support and assistance through voluntary direct support and community referral services for acute and chronic needs to offenders and their families of an opioid related crime. Case management services will be targeted to those that do not meet Accountability Court requirements, offenders who have completed pre-trial diversion and all Cobb County residents.

Investigator: Establish partnerships with law enforcement and first responders to shift the focus on overdose awareness and deter focus on the addicted user. The Investigator will identify and target the seller and distributor, eradicating the supply side of the opioid epidemic in Cobb County.

OUTCOMES

IMMEDIATE:

- ◆ Increased degree of communication, cooperation, and collaboration among stakeholders' agencies.
- ◆ Increased degree to which person with Opioid Use Disorders are referred to and receive appropriate treatment and ancillary services.
- ◆ Increased degree to which relevant leads are discovered, sales, and distribution cases are investigated and persons responsible for supplying illicit opioids are prosecuted.
- ◆ Increased understanding of factors related to opioid overdoses.
- ◆ Increased number of persons with opioid use disorders are successfully completing treatment.



FUTURE:

- ◆ Cobb County utilizes an integrated collaborative means to address opioid misuse.
- ◆ Cobb County demonstrates a meaningful and sustained reduction in opioid-related overdose fatalities and near fatalities.
- ◆ Persons with opioid use disorders are identified quickly, referred to appropriate treatment and ancillary services and resume their roles in contributing members of society.
- ◆ The presence and availability of illicit opioids in Cobb County and surrounding communities is drastically reduced.
- ◆ Cobb County is a safe community with significant reduction in opioid misuse.